

Ivbiosakon language

Ivbiosakon, or **Aoma**, is an Edoid language of Edo State, Nigeria. The dialect names **Ora** and **Emai** are also used for the language.

Phonology

Aoma has a rather reduced system, compared to proto-Edoid, of seven vowels; these form two harmonic sets, /i e a o u/ and /i ɛ a ɔ u/.^[3]

It has only one clearly phonemic nasal stop, /m/; [n] alternates with [l], depending on whether the following vowel is oral or nasal. (The other approximants, /ɹ j w h/, are also nasalized in this position: see Edo language for a similar situation.) The inventory is:^[4]

Ivbiosakon	
<i>Aoma</i>	
Native to	Nigeria
Region	Edo State
Native speakers	(100,000 cited 1987) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Volta–Niger<ul style="list-style-type: none">YEAU<ul style="list-style-type: none">Edoid<ul style="list-style-type: none">North-Central<ul style="list-style-type: none">Edo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ivbiosakon</div>
Dialects	<div>Emai Ora Iuleha Ivhimion ?Ihievbe (Isewe)</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	ema – inclusive code <div>Individual code: ihi – Ihievbe</div>
Glottolog	emai1241 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/emai1241) ^[2]

	Labial	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Labio-velar	Glottal
Nasal	m	l [n]				
Plosive	p b	t d		k g	kp gb	
Fricative	f v	s z		x ɣ		
Trill		r				
Approximant		ɹ	j		w	h

References

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